structure and input services for fodder development in the States;

(ii) Operational Research on Agro-forestry by National Wasteland Development Board in collaboration with Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)

(iii) Range grass/legume seed production at six locations by National Wasteland Development Board.

3. *Bilateral\Multilateral Project*

FAO/UNDP Himalayan Pasture and Fodder Research Network, 1986: The network undertakes use of forage legumes and crop rotations, use of fodder grasses, legumes and fodder trees for soil conservation, fodder tree and improved management of native pastures.

Reduction in subsidy on fertilizers

18. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to reduce subsidy on fertilizers and raise its prices; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken into consideration the impact of this measure on agricultural production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHAND-BHAI SHAH): (a) and (b) The Government has been constantly reviewing the fertilizer subsidy and related matters. As and when any modification is made, the likely impact of such modification on agricultural production will be kept in view.

Foodgrains Production

19. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the foodgrains production in 1989-90 and the estimated production in 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHAND-BHAI SHAH): The final estimate of production of foodgrains in the country during 1989-90 was 170.63 million tonnes. According to the present assessment, production of total food-grains in 1990-91 is likely to be in the range of 176.5 to 178.5 million tonnes.

Supply of Rice and Edible Oil to Maharashtra

20. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rice and edible oil were not supplied to Maharashtra during December, 1990;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

'(c) the details of the demand received from Bombay for various foodgrains and the quantity supplied?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Allocation of rice to Maharashtra from the Central Pool for PDS for the month of December, 1990 was made as usual. A quantity of 52000 tonnes of rice was allocated for the month of December, 1990. However, no allocation of imported edible oil was made to States/UTs, including Maharashtra, during December, 1990 due to nonavailability of adequate stock of imported edible oil with STC.

(c) The allocation of foodgrains for PDS made from the Central Pool is